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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE MEETING: JULY 5 NATO CAUCUS

1. A LONG NATO CONSULTATION ON JULY 5 REVIEWED A PARTIALLY COMPLETE FRG DRAFT AGENDA-ORGANIZATION PAPER. WHEN THE PAPER IS COMPLETED THE EC-9 WILL HAVE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOUR NEUTRALS (AUSTRIA, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND) ON A COMPOSITE PAPER DESIGNED TO MOVE TOWARD A SOLUTION TO ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. THE FRG PARTIAL PAPER AS IT EMERGED FROM THE NATO CONSULTATION WAS SO STRONGLY WESTERN-ORIENTED THAT IT WILL NOT SERVE AS A COMPROMISE. IT EMBODIED ALL KEY US POSITIONS INCLUDING THE AGENDA SEPARATION MARKED BY LETTERS. WE WILL SUBMIT THE COMPOSITE PAPER AS IT EMERGES FROM THE CONSULTATIONS NOW UNDERWAY.

2. THREE OTHER ITEMS FROM THE NATO CONSULTATIONS SEEM WORTH NOTING:

A) NATO REPS DECIDED TO TELL ROMANIAN DELEGATE LIPATTI THAT HIS DRAFT AGENDA (BELGRADE 4482) PRESENTED TOO MANY
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PROBLEMS FOR NATO COUNTRIES SO WOULD NOT BE USEFUL.

B) ITALIANS, TURKS AND PORTUGUESE REPS PRESSED HARD TO HAVE FRG PAPER CONTAIN PROVISION FOR HAVING NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES MAKE THEIR INITIAL

PRESENTATION IN OPEN PLENARY AND TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS, PROBABLY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP. WHILE THEY LOST ON BOTH POINTS, THE CONFERENCE HAS CERTAINLY NOT HEARD THE LAST OF THE PROPOSALS.

C) BELGIAN REP REPORTED THAT LOCAL LIBYAN AMBASSADOR HAD RAISED WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY MG A PLO CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAIN MEETING. THE NATO CAUCUS GLIBLY DECIDED THAT THE FINAL ACT PROTECTS THE CSCE FROM THIS POSSIBILITY BY REFERRING TO NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN "STATES".

HOWEVER, SHOULD THE LIBYANS PRESS FOR A PLO CONTRIBUTION OTHER ARAB NON-PARTICIPATING STATES MAY BE OBLIGED TO JOIN THEM, WHICH COULD BRING SUPPORT FROM A NUMBER OF CSCE PARTICIPANTS AND OPEN A NEW AND EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PANDORA'S BOX.
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